

**From SL 2009-451, as amended by Section 3G of SL 2009-575:**

## **DEVELOPMENT OF A PREK-20 DATA SYSTEM**

**SECTION 7.19.(a)** The State Board of Education, with the cooperation and assistance of the North Carolina Community College System and The University of North Carolina, shall collaboratively develop and systematically determine the technical specifications and data standards for a PreK-20 data system to centralize student data collected about students enrolled in prekindergarten programs through doctoral programs. The PreK-20 data system shall build upon the current capacity, programs, and initiatives of the State Board of Education, the North Carolina Community College System, and The University of North Carolina.

The State Board of Education, in collaboration with the North Carolina Community College System and The University of North Carolina, shall also develop a strategy for tracking students for five years after they complete their education at a North Carolina public educational institution.

The General Assembly urges private colleges and universities to advise and assist the State Board of Education, the North Carolina Community College System, and The University of North Carolina on the implementation of this section.

**SECTION 7.19.(b)** The PreK-20 data standards and specifications shall include:

- (1) The types and forms of data to be included in a PreK-20 data system, including longitudinal data and the use of a unique student identifier;
- (2) The capacity of a shared PreK-20 data system;
- (3) The degree and extent of cooperation between a shared PreK-20 data system and the current data collection systems of the State Board of Education, the North Carolina Community College System, and The University of North Carolina;
- (4) The minimum capacity and technical specifications needed for each data system to feed into a shared PreK-20 data system;
- (5) The ability for data in a shared PreK-20 data system to be understood and used by interested stakeholders, including federal and other State agencies; and
- (6) The feasibility of broadening the PreK-20 data system to include other sources of data that are needed for a unified statewide data collection system.

**SECTION 7.19.(c)** Standards and specifications shall conform to the guidelines and instructions governing any funds received through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for this purpose.

**SECTION 7.19.(d)** Standards and specifications shall be submitted to the Education Cabinet no later than March 1, 2010. The Education Cabinet shall review these standards and submit its recommendations regarding them to the Joint Legislative Education Oversight Committee, the Fiscal Research Division, and the Office of State Budget and Management by April 1, 2010.